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GIRL SCOUTS GEARING UP!

Submitted by Laura Axler

Girl Scout troops in Madison and Harding are getting ready for another fun-filled year. Though this past year and a half has looked like no other year, troops were able to make adjustments, be creative, and continue to provide new experiences for the girls.

Some leaders held outdoor meetings during all seasons. The fifth grade Central Avenue School troop met at Dodge Field after school twice a month throughout the school year to earn badges and do craft projects, including making catapults, bath bombs, string art, and dream catchers. A Cadette troop held a cooking lesson outside where the girls made chicken salad sandwiches, yogurt parfaits, and s'mores pies. Another troop celebrated the end of the school year with a trip to the ropes course and zipline at Treetop Adventure Course in West Orange.

In the spring, a special outdoor story time

was led by ninth grader, Libby Nebres, and seventh grader, Charlotte Nebres. The girls expanded their Girl Scout Silver Award project, Little Diverse Library, by inviting younger troops to join them on the lawn of the library as they read books featuring diverse stories, characters, and authors. First grade Daisy troop 8108 enjoyed a story and songs, and leader Valerie Librizzi organized a tissue paper flower garden craft to symbolize the diversity in our community. Each troop member also brought an appropriate book to donate to the Little Diverse Library, which is on the lawn of the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts.

In May, fourth grade Kings Road School troop 7192 participated in a Bike Rodeo, held by the Madison Police Department Traffic Safety Bureau. After learning about bike safety and how to correctly fit their helmets, the girls took a bike ride with the officers through downtown Madison.

In addition to holding outdoor meetings, leaders also creatively used technology to connect their troops. One seventh grade troop asked the girls and their families to host online cooking classes. They taught fellow troop members to make family favorites and multicultural recipes, including tabbouleh, stuffed grape leaves, challah bread, and pioneer corn bread.

Troops are gearing up to bring more great experiences this year. For more information about Madison-Harding Girl Scouts, check out the Girl Scout booth at the Madison Farmer's Market on Thursdays in early September, visit gsmadisonharding.com or contact gsmadisonharding@gmail.com.

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(above) Seventh grade Girl Scout troop 6168 celebrated the end of the school year by completing the high ropes course and zipline at Treetop Adventure Course in West Orange.

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SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETINGS LINE-UP

Madison Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Madison is an enthusiastic and engaged network of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to serve people in our local and global communities. At the Rotary's weekly meetings, the Club plans and reports on its service projects, and guest speakers present on a broad range of topics that are of interest to the community. Rotary meetings are held each Thursday in person at the Madison YMCA on Kings Road. The Club meeting starts at 7:45 and concludes at 8:30. For September 2021, the Club's meeting line-up includes:

September 9: Rotary's featured speaker will be Jim Burnet. Jim will discuss Hillside Cemetery on Main Street in Madison. In addition to his critical role in Madison as the Borough's Chief Financial Officer, Jim is very active in efforts supporting Hillside Cemetery – not only celebrating its history, but protecting and preserving this downtown treasure.

September 16: In lieu of its regular morning meeting the Club will be holding a happy hour social/networking event. Interested guests should visit the Club's website at madisonrotarynj.org for details of the event.

September 23: In the first of two sessions on

Sustainability, Claire Whitcomb, the head of Madison's Environmental Commission, will address the "environmental best practices" aspects of sustainability, such as recycling and packaging changes, energy conservation and "decarbonization," water conservation and control of runoff and the use of "green" techniques in lieu of hardscapes.

September 30: In the concluding session on Sustainability, Ann Huber, a member of Madison's Environmental Commission and Planning Board, will review how sustainability concepts were brought into the discussions when the Madison Master Plan was being revised last year, including where in the Master Plan sustainability has direct policy implications. This will then also identify areas in which sustainability may come into discussions of municipal policies over the next several years.

To make its meetings widely accessible, the Club will hold the meeting both in-person and online. Interested guests should visit the Club's website at madisonrotarynj.org for log-in details.

Please note that Rotary meetings, speakers, or speaker schedules are potentially subject to change. Please visit the Rotary website at madisonrotarynj.org for any updates to the schedule and other meeting details.

PROGRAM FOCUSES ON EDUCATING SENIORS

The Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE) Program celebrates healthy aging and educates older adults on a variety of topics. Sponsored by Municipal Alliance Committee of the Chathams (MACC) and Madison Alliance Addressing Substance Abuse (MAASA), this free program will take place at Library of the Chathams beginning on Tuesday, September 21 and is open to anyone 60 or older.

The educational program offers six lessons that cover a wide range of topics. Participants will have an opportunity to meet new people and:

Learn about the aging process and how to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Celebrate this exciting stage of life and all the

benefits that come with it.

Discuss risk factors and behaviors older adults should avoid to stay healthy.

Examine how alcohol, prescription medications and over-the-counter medications affect seniors differently and how they can avoid problems.

Learn how to use simple tools to help you feel more empowered about your health and the healthcare you receive.

Free refreshments will be served at each lesson, and all program participants will be eligible to receive free giveaways.

For more information or to register, please contact Amy Lewis at 908-789-4070 ext. 4080 or alewis@westfieldnj.gov.

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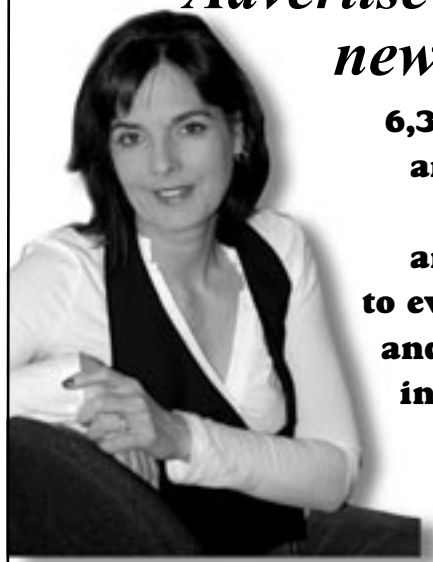
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BIKE DONATION BOOSTS COMMUNITY POLICING

Thursday Morning Club

The Thursday Morning Club (TMC) graciously donated a new Fuji Code 3-XT Police Mountain Bikes to Madison Police Department (MPD), for use by the department's only female pedal officer, Corporal Stephanie C. Aquino.

MPD's Bicycle Unit is a community-oriented unit assigned to patrol on bicycles allowing for higher visibility and interaction with the community. The unit also allows for faster response times in municipal parks, while also being environmentally friendly.

"The women of the TMC are delighted to support the local MPD by donating a bicycle to the only female pedal officer in Madison," said Susan Packie, TMC President. "The TMC is proud to be a willing partner to numerous Madison Community groups who work hard to offer support and assistance to our local and surrounding communities," continued Packie.

With the addition of this new bicycle, MPD now has five pedal bikes in its fleet for use throughout town, and at large events like National Night Out, Bottle Hill Day, Memorial Day Parade and the Christmas Parade.

"We are very grateful to the women of the TMC for their donation of a new bicycle to the MPD Bicycle Unit," said Acting Chief John R. Miscia. "With this donation we are able to interact with the community on a different level and expand our Community Relations Unit, which strives to build strong, trusting relationships with the citizens of the Rose City," continued Miscia.

"As an avid bicyclist, I am happy to see that we are adding to MPD's bicycle unit thanks to the generosity of the TMC," stated Mayor Robert H. Conley. "The TMC never hesitates to partner with organizations that do good for the community, and this is just another example of

that," continued Conley.

The bicycle unit consists of thirteen officers. Prior to joining the bicycle unit, officers attend a weeklong Police Bicycle Patrol Training Course hosted by the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission at the New Jersey State Police Academy in Sea Girt, NJ. Officers are trained in safe operations, proper techniques, basic bicycle maintenance and care, nutrition and the establishment of a fitness-training program for in-season and off-season training.

Inquiries concerning this press release should be directed to Captain Joseph Longo at LongoJ@rosenet.org, by phone at 973-593-3008 or to Public Information Officer Michael Pellessier at Communication@rosenet.org, by

phone at 973-408-8789.

The Thursday Morning Club (TMC) is a group of over 230 women dedicated to service in their communities. TMC is celebrating its 125th year of service and they are one of the largest clubs in the State of New Jersey. As part of the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) and the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), TMC supports many local, state and federal organizations that work to improve the lives of children, veterans, the homeless and mentally ill, to name a few. As owners and operators of the Madison Community House (which was built in 1923), TMC offers a home to many civic organizations, scout programs and recreational programs free of charge.



(above, l-r) Robert H. Conley, Mayor Borough of Madison; Susan Packie, TMC President; Jeannie Kosakowski, TMC Membership; Suzanne Caccavale, TMC Business Manager; Anne Lawless, TMC 2nd VP; John R. Miscia, Acting Chief of Police; Corporal Stephanie C. Aquino; and Joseph M. Longo, Acting Police Captain.

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ART LEAGUE OF THE CHATHAMS FALL SHOW

Submitted by Ann Frommer

The Art League of the Chathams will host their fall show of artwork by the Art League artists and showcase a husband and wife team. A opening reception will take place on September 26 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Lundt-Glover Gallery, located in the Chatham Twp. Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham Twp, NJ. Refreshments are served. People who are



(above) Susan Scarince Jones and Alan Jones

unvaccinated are requested to please wear a mask.

The Fall Exhibit will run from September 26 through December 6, 2021 and is free and open to the public.

Susan Scarince Jones and Alan Jones, mixed media artists, are the combined solo exhibitors. The title for their show is "Nature's Impressions".

Susan, whose artwork is inspired by nature, especially landscapes of the southwest, enjoys creating impressionist paintings and collages using metal, copper and tin. Her colors range from warm earth and rust tones of the west to the cool blues, greens and pastel colors depicting spring gardens and trees of the eastern woodlands.

"I rarely use a plan other than the size of the canvas and the colors or textures I would like to use. Trusting my intuition, I let my art 'happen'. My main goal is to express myself and draw the viewer into my paintings," states Susan.

Susan was born and raised in Madison, NJ. A shy, quiet kid, she used art as a way of expressing herself. Majoring in fine arts in Boston, she worked in NYC in the advertising field concentrating on illustration, giftware and package design. "My biggest thrill as an



(above) Clock, by Alan Jones Mixed Media



(above) "Memories", painting by Susan Scarince Jones

apprentice artist was seeing my art illustration appear in the New York Times and other large newspapers." Her designs also appeared on a variety of items such as dessert dishes to a line of juice drink packages.

As a member of the Art League of the Chathams and Drew Art Association, she has exhibited and sold her work in numerous solo and juried shows. Susan has given art instruction to both children and adults throughout the Tri-County Area.

Susan has created and published a series of three photo books for young children called Skippy Chipmunk. The books contain her photographs and stories about a real live chipmunk living in her garden. As an author, she visits local nursery schools and enjoys seeing the children's reaction to her stories. Her Skippy books and photos will be on display at the exhibit.

Alan Jones is new to the art community, but not new to the artist world. He diligently worked behind the scenes assisting Susan with many of the technical art issues.

Born in Newport, Wales, he moved to the US as a teenager. After finishing school and serving in the US military, he met Susan on a blind date. By coincidence, they had both been reading Thoreau's Walden. At that point, there was an instant connection with their love of nature and interest in art (and each other). They married, moved to Long Valley and raised two children.

Alan has always been interested in art, but it was after he retired from a career as a machine designer for various engineering firms that he then began to paint, design and construct clocks using tile, copper and wood.

Noting the colors selected for his projects looked perfect next to her artwork, Susan urged him to try his hand at painting. "I have been encouraging everyone around me to get into art and then realized Alan had potential with just a bit of encouragement!"

For more info about the Art League of the Chathams visit artleagueofthechathams.org.



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Butterfly-friendly plants and trees, native shrubs, rain gardens, composting, beekeeping and organic lawn care are all on the agenda for Madison’s Eco Garden Tour. Organized by the Madison Environmental Commission (MEC), the tour will be held on Sunday, September 12 from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 4:00 p.m. (Rain date is September 19, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) The event is free, but advance registration is required at bit.ly/madison-eco-garden-tour-2021.

“The Eco Garden Tour is a great way to see how our yards can be beautiful—and provide a pesticide free habitat for bees, butterflies and pollinators,” says John Hoover, Borough Council Liaison to the Environmental Commission. “Suburban yards are actually ideal for recreating the pollinator-friendly conditions of meadows and woodlands that used to be common in New Jersey,” continued Hoover.

The self-guided tour will feature eight locations that can be visited in any order. Homeowners include a native-plant gardener who raises chickens and is an expert composter; a landscape architect who has an organic vegetable garden and two beehives; and a master gardener who has lots of advice on how to switch to cost-saving organic lawn care.

Gardens on the tour come in all shapes and

sizes. There are mini meadows that border driveways, rain gardens designed to filter water to our aquifer, and vegetables growing where lawns used to be.

Several exhibitors will be featured at the starting point for the tour, including Friends of Madison Shade Trees, Friends of the Drew Forest, and Electric Landscaping of Pitman, New Jersey, which specializes in using quiet, electric leaf blowers and lawn care equipment.

“Homeowners are all native plant enthusiasts who can offer lots of advice both on what to plant, and what non-native species they’d like to remove from their yards,” says tour organizer Joan Maccari of the Madison Environmental Commission. “The work of Douglas Tallamy and his Homegrown National Park movement—which encourages people to shrink their lawn and plant more native trees and pollinator plants—has been inspirational to so many of us in Madison, not only those who have been working on this tour. It’s very exciting to see the growing enthusiasm for native plants and more eco-friendly gardening and landscaping approaches,” continues Maccari.

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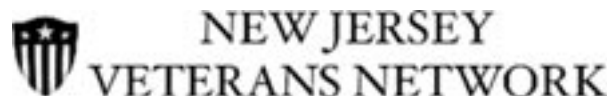
BOTTLE HILL DAY SAT., OCTOBER 2

Madison's Annual Street Festival will be held on Saturday, October 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Over the years, the festival has grown, evolving into a family, entertainment and community celebration which draws between 10,000 and 20,000 people to the heart of Madison every fall.

Also, as in year's past, the Madison Chamber of Commerce and Madison P.B.A. #92 will be hosting their popular annual Madison Car Show in conjunction with Bottle Hill Day.

Bottle Hill Day was created over forty years ago to promote the business district. The name originated from Madison's original establishment in 1715 of the village called "Bottle Hill". The event features four stages with live entertainment all day, over 200 vendor booths, amusement rides, great shopping, delicious food and a Beer Garden. This event is free and open to the public.



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The Thursday Morning Club's (TMC) 3rd Annual "Fabulous Fall Fundraiser" to benefit the Madison Community House (MCH) will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021 with a Cocktail Reception from 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. at the MCH, 25 Cook Avenue with hors d'oeuvres provided by Chef Loryn. Tickets are \$100 each and only 400 tickets will be printed. The event will provide 50% of the fundraising proceeds to the MCH and two cash prizes at 25% each of the fundraising profits to two winners who need not be present to win.

As owners of the Madison Community House, the TMC works at fundraising efforts for the MCH in order to continue providing, among other activities for the Community: Pre-school for 3 and 4 year-olds, Before and After School Child Care (BASCC) at all Madison elementary schools, summer camps, after-school programs

at the MCH, and space which is used by a number of groups and organizations for meetings and/or social purposes. "Dress for Success Northern New Jersey's 10 Counties" also makes its home at the Madison Community House. As many as 50,000-55,000 people per year use this facility in one way or another.

To participate in this "Fabulous Fall Fundraiser" or for more info, please call the Madison Community House at 973-377-0244.

As always, the Thursday Morning Club/Madison Community House is grateful for the community's past and continuing generosity which enables it to be a vibrant presence in Madison.

Note: The Thursday Morning Club is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) and the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC).

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With the start of the school year, our programs kick into high gear once again.

Madison has three Cub Scout packs for boys in grades K-5 and two Scouts BSA troops for boys in grades 6-12.

Each Cub Scout pack is organized by dens of boys who are in the same grade. Dens meet weekly or bi-weekly. Pack meetings, where all the dens come together, are usually once a month gatherings. Packs also have special events like camping, hikes, picnics and community service.

In a Scouts BSA troop, the older youth are the

leaders. Adult leaders are always present to mentor the youth leaders and make sure all safety rules are followed. Troops meet weekly to develop new skills. Troops usually camp, or have another outdoor experience like climbing or rafting, once a month.

To connect with a pack or troop, contact District Executive Al Thomas, al.thomas@scouting.org; 973-765-9322 x229.



(above) Outdoor fun and adventures await Madison boys in Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA.

POLICE REVIVE RESIDENT IN CARDIAC ARREST

On August 14, 2021 at 12:10 p.m., Madison Police Officers were dispatched to a 9-1-1 call for a man who collapsed and was lying on the sidewalk in the area of Main Street near Station Road. The caller stated that the patient was unresponsive and not moving.

Madison Police Patrolman Patrick Strafaci, who was patrolling in the downtown area, arrived on scene within seconds of being dispatched and assessed the patient, who was identified as a 53-year-old Madison resident. When Patrolman Strafaci assessed the patient, he observed that the patient was not breathing, did not have a pulse, and was in cardiac arrest. He immediately notified Madison Dispatch and began performing lifesaving measures.

Patrolman Strafaci was joined by another passerby who was identified as a Madison resident and a Registered Nurse. Arriving shortly after was Morris County EMS and Madison Fire Department who also assisted in lifesaving measures. An automated external defibrillator (AED) administered several shocks and a pulse was later regained on the patient. The patient was ultimately transported to Morristown Medical Center and is recovering.

"The quick response and action by all first responders, the nurse who assisted emergency responders, and the witness who called 9-1-1, ultimately gave this patient another chance at life", says Acting Chief John R. Miscia.

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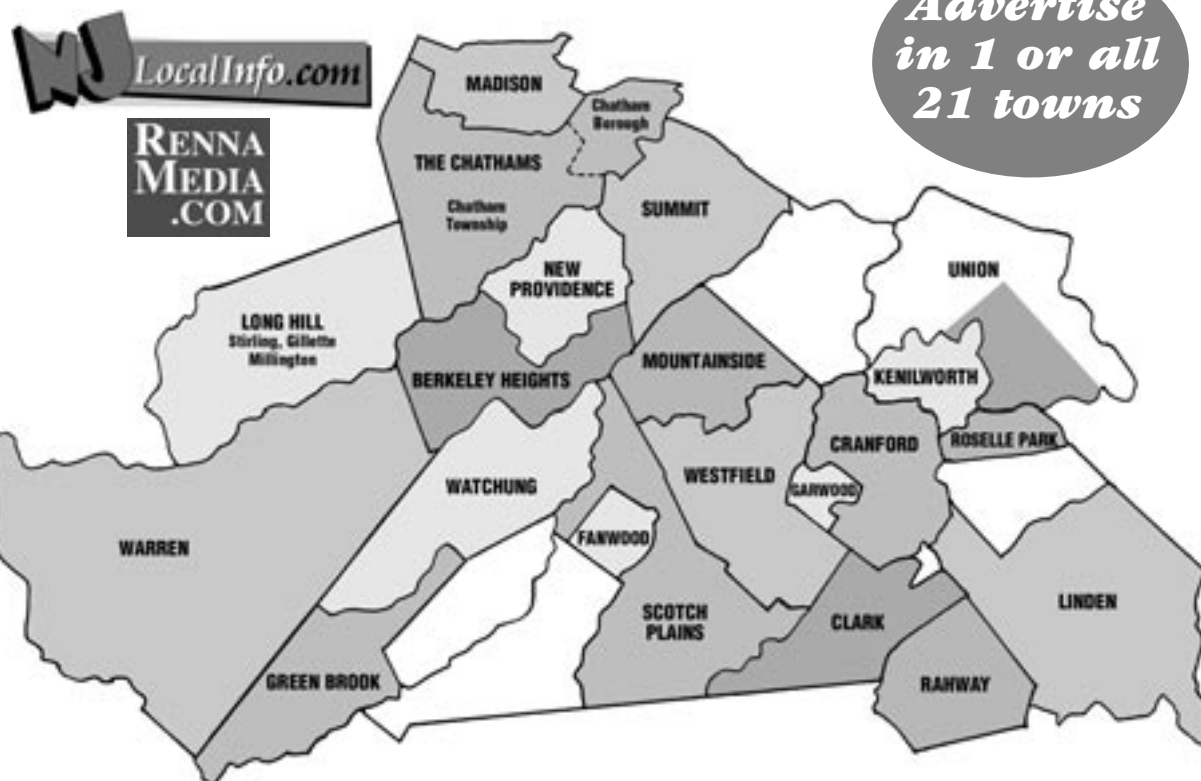
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(above) Friends of the Madison Public Library Minicourse Director Sylvia Luber and Registrar Rosemary Dinnhaupt

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